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SUBJECT: LEBANESE TOBACCO TRADE DATA FOR PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM

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TOFAS 04. LEBANESE TOBACCO MONOPOLY PROVIDED MORE DETAILED TRADE DATA TO SUPPLEMENT DATA REPORTED REF (B).

2. LEAF TOBACCO IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN 1972-77 IN METRIC TONS AS FOLLOWS:

1972 USA 352 TOTAL 352; 1973 JAPAN 10 TOTAL 10; 1974 USA 114, GREECE 25 SYRIA 40 SOUTH AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE 372 BRAZIL 26 TOTAL 577; 1975 USA 1899 SOUTH AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE 480 GUATEMALA 30 THAILAND 40 TOTAL 2449; NO REPEAT NO IMPORTS IN 1976 AND 1977. SOURCE 1972 AND 1973 LEBANESE CUSTOMS FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS YEARBOOKS, 1974-1977 LEBANESE TOBACCO MONOPOLY. ABOVE FIGURES EXCLUDE IMPORTS OF TOMBAC USED ONLY FOR WATERPIPE SMOKING. TOMBAC IMPORTS AVERAGE ABOUT 100 MT YEARLY OVER PAST FIVE YEARS WITH PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS IRAN AND SYRIA. THESE IMPORT DATA SUPPLIED BY TOBACCO MONOPOLY REVISE 1974 AND 1975 REPORTED IN REF (B). DIFFERENCE FOR 1972 AND 73 DUE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCLUSION OF TOMBAC IMPORTS. 1978 IMPORT FORECAST UNCHANGED.

3. TOBACCO EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IN METRIC TONS AS FOLLOWS: 1972 USA 4579 EGYPT 10 FINLAND 75 FRANCE 232 HUNGARY 100 NETHERLANDS 216 PORTUGAL 300 SWEDEN 50 TOTAL 5562; 1973 USA 5102 HUNGARY 712 ITALY 244

NETHERLANDS 300 PORTUGAL 200 SWITZERLAND 58 TOTAL 6616;
1974 USA 5040 FRANCE 125 NETHERLANDS 472 PORTUGAL 587
SWEDEN 127 U.K. 375 TOTAL 6726; 1975 USA 2561 PORTUGAL
270 SWEDEN 13 TOTAL 2844; 1976 USA 633 CYPRUS 25 FRANCE
321 TOTAL 979; 1977 USA 3,206 CYPRUS 45 NETHERLANDS 169
SUBTOTAL 3420 TONS. IN 1977 THE GOVERNMENTS OF IRAQ
AND LYBIA TOOK DELIVERY OF 1000 AND 2800 TONS OF LEAF
TOBACCO RESPECTIVELY WHICH THEY HAVE PURCHASED DURING THE
1975/76 HOSTILITIES DIRECTLY FROM GROWERS BRINGING TIFSAL
EXPORTS IN 1977 TO 7220 TONS. 1978 EXPORT FORECAST:
7500 OF WHICH USA 6500. ABOVE FIGURES SUPPLIED BY MONOPOLY
1/4/78 REVISE TRADE DATE REF (B), SO TOBACCO S&D TABLE SHOULD
BE REVISED ACCORDINGLY.
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